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(The Half Price Nursery)

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CERTIFICATE OF INSPECKION OF NURSERY STOCK.

This is to certify that in accordance with the provisions of the orchard and nursery inspection law of the state of Texas, nursery stock grown for sale, exhibited, and held for sale by J. E. Fitzgerald, at Stephenville, Texas, has been inspected by H. W. Stevenson, a duly authorized agent of this department, and at the time of the inspection said nursery stock found apparently free from dangerous insect pests and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases.

A printed copy of this certificate on any shipping tag attached to any shipment of nursery stock is authority to any freight or express agent in Texas to accept said shipment for transportation.

This certificate is void after July 1, 1912.

Austin, Texas, August 7, 1911.

Sam H. Dixon,
Chief Inspector of Orchards and Nurseries.

Approved, E. R. Kone,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

INTRODUCTION

This little pamphlet is our only salesman. We are not getting out a costly catalog and making our customers pay for it but we do promise to send you as good vines and trees as can be bought anywhere for the money. We make a specialty of berry vines, believing that they are one of the best crops that can be planted, not only paying a bigger dividend but building up the land.

ABOUT OURSELVES

We own an orchard here in Erath county. We have every variety of fruit or plant in bearing that we offer for sale. We have many kinds of peaches, plums, apples, and 23 varieties of Japanese persimmons, and we know just what fruits will pay. It is no hearsay with us. We have made many mistakes we can tell you how to avoid.

Many nurserymen propagate and sell trees they never saw in bearing. At the proper season we can often send samples of the fruits we grow. We have been growing fruit here for 15 years, and got our education in the school of hard knocks.

As to our responsibility we can refer you to the First National Bank, the Farmers National Bank, any business house in Stephenville, or to the Stephenville Tribune, our leading paper. We want the plants we send you to be sure and grow. Your success means our success, and for that reason we agree to replace all that die within one year at half price. But we hope you will take good care of your trees and not lose many of them, for your loss means our loss. If they are damaged when you get them from the railroad be sure and notify us at once and we will take the matter up with the company. Remember we waive all responsibility if you do not notify us at once. But if notified

within five days we will replace the shipment.

We begin shipping about November 15 and continue to ship berry vines until the first of April. Trees are best planted during November, December, January and February.

MISTAKES

We make every effort to have every thing true to name, but the most particular will sometimes make mistakes, and for that reason it is mutually agreed between ourselves and our customers that we are to replace anything free of charge that proves untrue, and that we will be held responsible no further.

It is most too big a subject to tell how to cultivate trees in a little catalog like this. However, apple trees here in the south should be planted 25 feet apart or 75 trees per acre, plums and peaches 20 feet or 108 trees and blackberries 3 by 7 feet or 2500 plants.

PRICES, ETC.

The prices we quote are for trees and plants f. o. b. here. But if your order amounts to $10.00 we will prepay the express or freight on all kinds to your station.

PLANTS BY MAIL

Each year we send hundreds of plants by mail. In fact we make a specialty of this. We will mail roses and all tree fruits at the each rate. But of course we can't send large trees by mail.

McDONALD BLACKBERRY

This has always been my pet. It is the most productive berry I ever saw. The vines are very vigorous growers and do not die where cotton dies. The berries are large and of very fine quality when ripe, but they turn black before fully ripe. This berry is pistillate and will not bear well when planted alone but when planted near Dallas or Rogers it is a sight to see. I have had single vines to bear 12 quarts of

fruit. It is between the Rogers and Austin in ripening. My vines of McDonald this year have paid me at the rate of $520.00 per acre. It doesn't cost much to try this berry and I believe you will be delighted with it.

Prices McDonald plants; 10c each, 50c per dozen by mail, $2.50 per 100 by express, $20.00 per thousand.

ROGERS DEWBERRY

This is the earliest dewberry of all. Just think of a dewberry ripening one month before Austin. It is a very vigorous grower. The berries are large and firm but the seeds are small. It seems that very few nurserymen actually have Rogers. They list it, then send Austin or something else in the place. I ordered this berry every year for several years but never got the true Rogers until about three years ago. A friend in east Texas wrote me that a neighbor had made a fortune raising a very early, large dewberry. I wrote to the man and got 500 plants. It will pay any one to plant this fine berry. It ripens with early strawberries.

Prices Rogers plants same as McDonald.

SORSBY BLACKBERRY

Very vigorous growing vine. The berries fine quality and a fine bearer.

10c each, 50c per dozen by mail, by express $3 00 per hundred.

CHESTNUT DEWBERRY

Early, productive. This is the standard berry in some parts.

10c each, 25c per dozen by mail, $1.00 per 100, $6.00 per 100 by express.

DALLAS BLACKBERRY

The Dallas is an old stand-by. It is productive, of fine quality and always sells well. The seeds are very small. It is just the berry for home use.

Plants 10c each, 50c per dozen by mail, by express $2.50 per 100, $20.00 per 1000.

AUSTIN DEWBERRY

This dewberry led the way in berry culture for Texas. Millions of plants have been sold. It is a great drouth resister. The fruit is large and it certainly will pay to plant this berry.

Prices 10c each, 25c per dozen by mail, by express $1.50 per hundred or $10.00 per 1000.

HAUPT BLACKBERRY

We have now fully tested Haupt. It is a very vigorous grower and bears an immense crop of berries that are of fine quality and have few seeds. Our pickers say it is the finest tasted fruit on the ranch. This seems to be a mixture of three or four plants. I find that a single plant off by itself fails to bear like McDonald. It will pay you to try these. Plant them with McDonald. I do not believe this berry will pay any better than McDonald and it is later, but the two planted together are very fine.

Price of plants: $1.50 per dozen by mail, $5.00 per 100 by express or mail, $40.00 per 1000.

ROBINSON BLACKBERRY

In Robinson we have the most productive late berry. The canes are upright and the berries are just the thing to sell after your neighbor is out of berries.

10c each, 50c per dozen by mail, by express $2.00 per 100, $15.00 per 1000.

JORDAN BLACKBERRY

This is a very vigorous growing vine. The first year it is a trailer but gets almost upright. It bears an immense crop of very firm berries. Large, good quality.

10c each, 50c per dozen by mail, by express $2.00 per hundred, $15.00 per 1000.

PLUMS

We can supply most any variety of plums but these are the ones we recommend. 25c each, $20.00 per 100. Good sized trees. Burbank, Wickson, Satsuma. America and Botan.

JAPANESE PERSIMMONS

I have tried more than twenty kinds of this fruit and I have found one kind that is hardy and stands drouth perfectly. The Eureka is the most magnificent tree I ever saw. It is a sure bearer. The fruits look like apples of gold. After they become soft they are very fine and sell easily at three dollars per bushel. An orchard of these would be a gold mine for any man.

I have only a few of these fine persimmon trees for sale this year. The price is $1.00 per tree or $5 00 for six. This may look high but if a man will plant six of these on good land some day he would refuse $25 each for them. Don't plant persimmons where cotton dies.

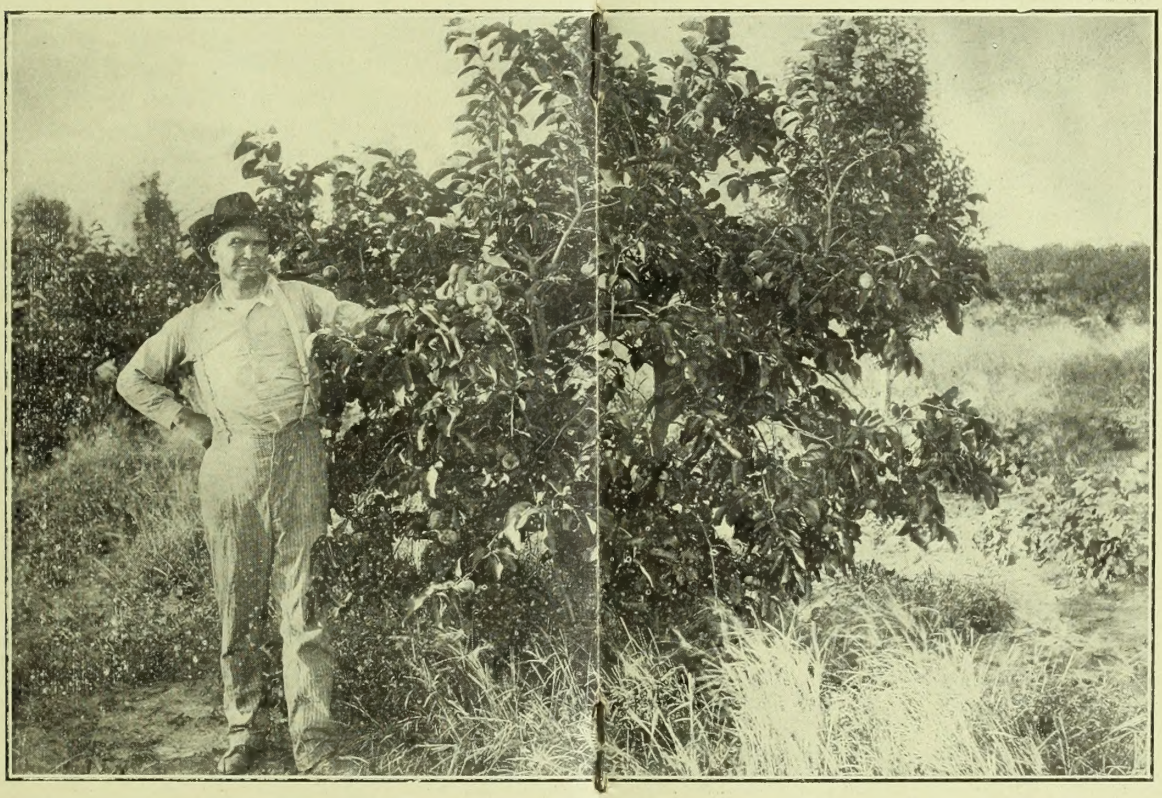
I also list the following named Japanese persimmons at 35c each or $30 per 100. I have these all in fruiting on my place and know that they are good.

Hyakume, large round, orange red.

Okame, large, carmine skin, clear yellow flesh, few seeds.

Tane Nashi, very large, fine, seedless, one of the best I have fruiting.

Yemon, tomato shaped, red skin, good.



This picture shows one of our Eureka persimmon trees ladened with fruit. The fruits are as large as oranges and as yellow as gold. At the time this picture was taken this tree had more than two bushels of fruit on it. This fruit will sell readily on any market. There are said to be immense orchards of persimmons in China. Some of the trees are 75 feet high, and the Chinaman who owns a persimmon orchard is considered a very rich man. The persimmon is the national fruit of Japan. They begin bearing as early as peaches, the trees live to be very old, and it is wonderful what large crops of fruit a little tree can hold up and mature. Most Japanese persimmons are a little astringent before they are ripe, but after they are ripe they are very delicious. When you taste this fruit you will wonder why orchards of them have not already been planted. Then you will understand why they are planting persimmons instead of oranges in south Texas. Plant persimmon trees this year; you will never regret it.

PEACHES

We are offering the following peaches. Prices:

2 to 3 foot trees, 15c each, $10.00 per 100, $80.00 per 1000.

3 to 4 foot trees, 25c each, $2.25 per dozen; $12.00 per hundred, $100.00 per 1000.

4 to 6 foot fancy trees, 35c each, $4.00 per dozen.

Listed in order of ripening:

Victor, early, pays well.

Arp Beauty, tree fine grower, large yellow peach.

Mamie Ross, June.

Elberta , August.

Henrietta, September.

Stinson, October.

We can supply most any variety of peach but the ones we list are the best for us. We have all these growing in our orchard here. Henrietta and Stinson pay fine. If you plant an orchard any where in west Texas be sure and don't forget Stinson and Henrietta.

APRICOTS

We now have apricots that bear paying crops.

Prices: trees 3 to four feet, 25c each, $20.00 per hundred.

Cluster, a sure bearer and early.

Moor Park. This is becoming a very popular apricot.

We can make special prices on large quantities of apricots, peaches and plums. Write us if you are planting a large orchard.

APPLE TREES

Same price as peach trees except where noted.

Red June; one of our best early apples.

Jonathan; August, trees good grower, red, fine.

San Jacinto; very large, red. One of our very best apples. Tree good grower. Standard size trees, 25c each, $20.00 per 100.

Wine Sap, Ben Davis, Arkansas Black, Mammoth Black Twig. These are well known fall apples.

PEARS

Price, 25c each, $2.50 per dozen, $18.00 per hundred.

The Keifer is the best pear we have ever tried. The Garber is another good pear.

FIGS

The fig is an important crop in south Texas but it can be grown profitably even as far north as here. ,We are setting out quite a fig orchard The trees get killed down every winter but sprout up and bear a gallon and more to the tree. We set 400 trees to the acre and at 40 cents per gallon they beat cotton. Our trees are absolutely free from nematodes and are sure to give fine results. We can grow healthier trees here than they can in south Texas.

We offer the following varieties. Price; 25c each, $15.00 per hundred for 2 to 3 foot trees; 15c each, $10.00 per hundred for 1 to 2 foot trees.

Ischia; very vigorous grower, fine quality.

Celeste; hardy, small.

Brunswick; the largest fig of all, nearly black, a very fine fig.

Magnolia; the standard in south Texas.

By all means plant a few fig trees.

THE GRAPE

This fruit is becoming more profitable since people are learning to handle them. Every frmily ought to have a few grape vines. We list only a few of the very best.

Price; 10c each, $8.00 per hundred. No. 2 vines $5.00 per 100.

Concord; the large black grape.

Niagra; large white, fine.

Herbemont; late, fine for arbors.

Catawba; this is proving to be a fine grape for Erath county. Large, red.

SHRUBBERY

Crepe Myrtle. Pink. A fine shrub for the south. 25c each.

Pomegranate. Double flowering, red; This is a very beautiful shrub and grows in the hardest, driest ground. 25c each.

Roses. We list the following roses. These are field grown plants. Will bloom the first year and are sure to please. 35c each, 3 for $1.00. Extra strong plants 50c each, $5.00 per dozen. Pink La France; Helen Gould, dark red; American Beauty, red; Marechiel Niel, yellow; Mrs. Robert Peary; Etoile de France, pink; Mal Maison.

SHADES

We have a nice stock of elm, box elder, ash, wild persimmon, sycamore, umbrella china and seedling pecans. They are 10c each or $1.00 per dozen. These trees are small; two to three foot size, but will soon make fine trees.

Why not beat the low prices on cotton? Plant an orchard. It is a mighty poor orchard that will not pay better than cotton. We will help you select your orchard. Write us. No trouble to answer questions.

SPECIAL OFFER NO 1.

For $1.00 we will mail you 3 Austin dewberry plants, 3 McDonald, 3 Dallas, 3 Rogers, 3 Jordan and 3 Haupt. This will give you a chance to plant some of the best berries.

SPECIAL NO. 2

For $1 00 we will mail you 3 Wine Sap apple trees, 3 Lincoln, 3 York Imperial and 3 Kennards. Just right for a small orchard.

SPECIAL NO. 3

For $1.00 we will mail you 3 Niagra grapes, 2 Concord, 3 Magnolia figs and 1 Ischia fig. You can have your own vines and fig trees for a very small price.

If you live in town and have only a small lot plant a few grape vines, 1 dozen

McDonald and Dallas blackberries and two or three fig trees. If the soil is good plant three or four persimmon trees. They will grow in a very small space and you will have one of the most ornamental trees you ever saw. The finest peaches ever grown in Erath county were grown in a small back yard where the ground was nearly as hard as a brick. The apricot makes a fine back yard tree. It delights in hard soil and bears big crops some years.

CONCLUSION

Profits in Fruit Culture.

It is impossible to estimate the profits of an orchard for home use; for aside from the money value it is a great pleasure to have even a few trees in the back yard on a city lot. If you don't believe a man prizes them offer to cut one down. You would have a row with the man of the house, the good lady, and on down to the least tot. When it comes to fruit for the market it depends on the man. One man can get more out of a load of fruit than another. It is possible to make ten acres of fruit pay better than one hundred acres of cotton, and you can set the price on your fruit. There are men in Texas making one thousand dollars per acre from our varieties of berries.

In conclusion we wish to say that we will be glad to have your order for trees. We will do our best to please you. As we said in the beginning, we are not getting out a big catalog and charging you with the cost, but we can sell you as good plants as any body.

Yours truly,

The Fitzgerald Nursery.

This picture shows a part of our berry pickers ready for work. The young man in the buggy sold 12 crates of berries the afternoon after this picture was taken. He says it is fun to sell berries—everybody buys them.